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Import of Crude from Iran

2462. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import crude from Iran; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Indian Oil Corporation has a term contract with National Iranian Oil Company for supply of crude oil for the year 1991-92.

Opening of New Passport Offices

2463. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reopen the Passport office at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where passport offices are located in Karnataka;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more passport offices in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, when and locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At Bangalore.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

New Oil Fields and Gas Reserves

2464. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have discovered new oil reserve/oil fields/ new gas areas;

(b) if so, the approximate quantum thereof and the details of the places where these new oil fields and gas reserve were found; and

(c) the steps taken to start the exploration of those oil fields and gas reserve areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the years 1990-91 and 1991-92. Oil and Natural Gas Commission have discovered oil/gas in 31 structures in Bombay Offshore, Cambay, Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery, and Rajasthan Basins. A total of 61.13 MMT of initial geological reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas have been established in those places whera assessment has been made.

During the corresponding period, Oil India Limited discovered oil/gas in 3 structures in Assam and Rajasthan and established about 21.7 MMT of initial geological reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas. Besides, oil was discovered by O.I.L. at